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SUBJECT: "TAISTOISTS" LOSE STRENGTH AT SKDL CONGRESS

BEGIN SUMMARY. RIGHT- WING COMMUNIST (TAISTOIST) MINORITY GROUP LOST STRENGTH IN ELECTIONS FOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS AT ENTH CONGRESS OF COMMUNIST- DOMINATED FINNISH DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES' LEAGUE (SKDL) APRIL 13-15. PROPOSALS SPONSORED BY " MODERATE" MAJORITY GROUP OF FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY (SKP) WERE ALL CARRIED HANDILY AND SKP CHAIRMAN, AARNE SAARINEN, WAS ELECTED ONE OF SKDL' S TWO VICE CHAIRMEN. WHILE DEBATE WAS LESS ABRASIVE THAN EXPECTED, SCHISM IN COMMUNIST PARTY WAS REVEALED AS STILL DEEP AND WIDE. TIME WILL TELL IF SKDL CALL FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN POLITICAL GROUPS OF LEFT AND CENTER IS PERHAPS ENHANCED BY ASCENDENCY OF " MODERATE" ELEMENT OF THE SKP IN SKDL. END SUMMARY. END CONFIDENTIAL.

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. REFLECTING A DECLINE IN DELEGATE STRENGTH FROM 25.5 TO 21.5 PERCENT SINCE THE LAST CONGRESS, THE RIGHT- WING STALINIST FORCES OF MP TAISTO
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SINISALO (WHO WAS NOT HIMSELF PRESENT) LOST SEVERAL PLACES IN THE SKDL' S EXECUTIVE BODIES AT THE TENTH SKDL CONGRESS IN PORI LAST WEEKEND. SKDL CHAIRMAN ELE ALENIUS WAS REELECTED BY A VOTE OF 185 TO 48 FOR THE TAISTOIST CANDIATE ENSIO LAINE. THE LEADER OF THE SKDL WOMEN' S GROUP, ANNA-LISSA TIEKSO, WAS REELECTED AS VICE CHAIRMAN. JOINING HER AS A VICE CHAIRMAN IS FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN, AARNE SAARINEN, WHO HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY HELD A POSITION IN THE SKDL. A TAISTOIST BID TO ELECT A THIRD VICE CHAIRMAN WAS DEFEATED AND THEY THUS LOST THE ONE POSITION THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY HELD AT THIS LEVEL. THE TAISTOISTS ALSO LOST ONE SEAT IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WHERE THE BALANCE AGAINST THEM IS NOW 15 TO 5 AND SEVEN SEATS IN THE SKDL COUNCIL IN WHICH THE DIVISION OF STRENGTH IS NOW 34 TO 11. THE ONLY GROUPS AT THE CONGRESS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTING THE TAISTOISTS WERE THE LEAGUE OF SOCIALIST STUDENTS (SOL) AND THE NORTH HAME DISTRICT OF THE SKDL.

2. KEYNOTE OF ALENIUS OPENING SPEECH TO THE CONGRESS WAS THAT IT IS SKD
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